

BILL NO. BL2018-1206 (HURT & O'CONNELL) – This ordinance would approve a temporary “Special Event Zone” for the downtown area, in conjunction with the 2018 July 4th Celebration and related activities and events, scheduled for July 3 - 5, 2018.

The Special Event Zone established under this ordinance would consist of seven (7) areas, all contiguous within Downtown Nashville, as follows:

- Area 1 would extend from 8th Ave to Rosa L Parks Blvd, and from Korean Veterans Blvd to Commerce Street, with an extension from Commerce Street to Church Street along 2nd and 1st Ave North.
- Area 2 would extend from the East side of the Woodland Street Bridge to Interstate Drive, between Woodland Street and Shelby Ave.
- Area 3 would contain the John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge from 3rd Ave South to South Second Street.
- Area 4 would contain the Woodland Street Bridge, from 1st Ave North to South 1st Street.
- Area 5 would contain the Gay Street Connector; 3rd Ave North to the Cumberland River, between James Robertson Parkway and Union Street; and 2nd Ave North to 1st Ave North, between Union Street and Church Street, including Bank Street.
- Area 6 would contain Woodland Street to Shelby Street, between the Cumberland River and Interstate Drive including Cumberland Park, and South 2nd Street, from Sylvan Street to Korean Veterans Blvd.
- Area 7 would contain the Korean Veterans Blvd. Bridge.

Activity restrictions within the Special Event Zone would begin at nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, and end at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

Activities on public property or in the public right-of-way within the Special Event Zone are regulated as follows:

1. The sale of any food, beverages, goods, or merchandise would be prohibited on the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and rights-of-way, except for street vendors with valid vending licenses issued pursuant to Section 13.08.040 of the Metro Code of Laws.
2. Alcoholic beverages provided, served, or sold from any temporary outdoor use would be prohibited, except as authorized by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation and permitted by Metro.
3. The sale or distribution of merchandise pertaining to the July 4th Celebration, where it is apparent such merchandise is not licensed by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation, regardless of whether the vendor is operating with a valid license or permit, would be prohibited.

4. No tents or membrane structures of any kind would be authorized, except for those sanctioned and authorized by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation or Metro.
5. The construction, placement, occupation, or use of any temporary structure would be prohibited, except for those sanctioned and authorized by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation.
6. The distribution, promotional give-away activity, or provision of free products, services, or coupons by persons or entities that are not event sponsors officially sanctioned or authorized by the Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation would be prohibited, except within the Public Participation Area.
7. Vehicles would be allowed only as directed by the Metro Police which will include trucks, automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, and motorized scooters.

This ordinance would establish at least one Public Participation Area within the Special Event Zone while the zone is in effect. This Area would allow for the reasonable expression by the public in a manner that is not disruptive to the 2018 July 4th Celebration, activities, and events.

The ordinance would also express the intent of the Council that the Metro Police Department focus its enforcement efforts upon preserving peace and securing safety of the July 4th Celebration participants while the Special Event Zone is in effect.

Fiscal Note: This ordinance would place restrictions on the activities that would be allowed to take place within the special event zone during the July 4th Celebration. However, no additional Metro personnel or overtime would be required just for the enforcement of these restrictions.